

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed April 3, 2008, claims 1, 5 – 8, and 10 – 12 were rejected and claims 4 and 9 were objected to. In response, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 8, canceled claims 4 – 7 and 9 – 12, and added new claim 13. Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application in view of the amended claims, the added claim, and the below-provided remarks.

### Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 4 and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the allowable subject matter, Applicants have made the following amendments:

#### Claim 1 (claim 1 + claim 4)

Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 4. Applicants assert that claim 1 is now in an allowable condition.

Claims 4 – 6 have been canceled. Claim 7 is allowable at least based on an allowable claim 1.

#### Claim 8 (claim 1 + claim 9)

Claim 8 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 9. Applicants assert that claim 8 is now in an allowable condition.

Claims 9 – 12 have been canceled.

#### New claim 13

New claim 13 is dependent on claim 1 and is similar to dependent claim 3 as originally filed. Applicants assert that new claim 13 is allowable at least based on an allowable claim 1. Support for new claim 13 is found in claim 3 as originally filed.

## CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amended claims, the added claim, and the remarks made herein. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account **50-3444** pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.25. Additionally, please charge any fees to Deposit Account **50-3444** under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21.

Respectfully submitted,

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